tion, interrupted power supply, high cost of interest on outstanding loans, escalation in input costs, demand variations etc.

(c) No, Sir.

Manufacturing of Commercial Aircraft by H.A.L., Bangalore

1525. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the H.A.L., Bangalore has launched a global hunt for partners for manufacturing commercial aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that feelers have been sent to several leading aircraft and subsystem manufacturers abroad; and

(d) if so, the names of the manufacturers and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Does not arise.

Setting up an Institute of Management in Assam

1526. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an Institute of Management in Assam on the pattern of those in Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether the said Institute would be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Taking into account the stage of development of the four Indian Institutes of Management located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta and Lucknow, the Government feels that it is necessary to fully develop these institutes before starting any new Institute.

Proposal for Non-Imposition of any Duty on Imported Forest based Raw

1527. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government not to impose any duty on imported forest based raw materials in order to increase the area of our forests significantly; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Import of forest based raw materials has been liberalised and the same have been placed on Open General Licence The import duty on rough logs is 10 per cent and that on sawn timber is 60 per cent.

Consumption of fuel wood in the country

1528. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual consumption of fuel wood in the country at present; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to save fuel wood?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Annual demand for fuel in the country as assed bv the Forest Survey of India during 1987 is 235 million cubic metres and the recorded production for forests is 40 million cubic metre.

(b) Steps taken by Government to save fuel wood are:—

(i) Alternate sources of energy are being developed to replace fuelwood in domestic and commercial sectors.

(ii) Improved Chullahs are being popularised in rural area to save fuelwood.

(iii) Alternate fuels like Kerosene LPG etc. are being subsidised in tribal areas.

(iv) Solar cookers are being advocated to harness solar energy.

(v) Massive afforestation programmes have been launched to raise fuelwood and fodder plantations under social forestry programme.

Software Export Unit at Bangalore

1529. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some software export unit has been set up at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this unit has any foreign collaboration;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the share of foreign collaborator and total outlay required for this unit;

(e) whether some target of this unit has been fixed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (f) Approvals have been given to seven units for setting up of software export units at Bangalore under 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme and under Software Technology Park Scheme of the Department of Electronics. Details of foreign collaboration, foreign equity, total outlay, etc. of these units are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 49] These units have already made marketing arrangements for exports to achieve the targets (100 per cent export of their production). Government have created the necessary environment to facilitate exports and provided infrastructural support.

Functioning of National Book Trust

1530. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the investment in National Book Trust in Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the return in terms of achievements has been negligible;

(c) whether any study by an outside agency has taken place on the functioning of National Book Trust over the last three years;

(d) what are the details of State-wise activities of National Book Trust in the last three years; and

(e) what is the financial outlay for National Book Trust to the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The actual expenditure incurred by the National Book Trust during the Seventh Five Year Plan period was Rs. 10.89 crores of which Rs. 4.16 crores was Plan expenditure (pending finalisation of figures for 1989-90).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure 50]

(e) The financial outlay of the National Book Trust for the Eighth Five Year Plan (1990—95) is yet to be finalised.

Investment in Electronic Sector during Seventh/Eighth Five Year Plan

1531. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the investment made in the electronics sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the financial assessment of such investment in this sector;